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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2298

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SUBJECT: ORE SHIPMENTS THROUGH DURBAN MAINTAIN HIGHER LEVEL

REF: DURBAN 0088, 0140

1. MANAGER OF DURBAN'S BULK HANDLING FACILITY RECONFIRMED TO CONGEN JULY 27 THAT TWO OF FACILITIES THREE DUMPER APPLIANCES CONTINUE TO BE DEDICATED TO ORE LOADINGS, MAINLY FERROCHROME. FOR APRIL-JUNE PERIOD, BULK FACILITY LOADINGS AVERAGED 40,000 METRIC TONS PER MONTH OR BETTER, DESPITE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. ADDITIONAL ORE SHIPMENTS ARE HANDLED BY CRANE AND BUCKET METHOD AT GENERAL CARGO BERTHS; WHILE THIS AMOUNT CANNOT BE ACCURATELY DETERMINED, IT IS BELIEVED BY FACILITY MANAGER TO BE VERY SMALL COMPARED WITH BULK LOADINGS AT HIS STATION.

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MONTHLY FIGURES OF BULK FACILITY ARE:

APRIL 1976 49,326 MT
MAY 1976 40,577 MT
JUNE 1976 39,925 MT
JULY 1976 34,120 MT (ESTIMATED)

2. MANAGER STATED THAT SINCE OPENING OF RICHARDS BAY COAL
LOADING FACILITY IN APRIL, VOLUME OF COAL (PARTICULARLY
BITUMINOUS) SHIPPED THROUGH DURBAN HAD DROPPED CONSIDERABLY.

3. COMMENT: FIGURES SUPPORT VIEW THAT SA RAILWAYS ARE MAKING
EFFORT TO INCREASE ORE AND CUT COAL LOADINGS THROUGH DURBAN.
40,000 MT/MONTH AVERAGE HOWEVER FALLS FAR SHORT OF BULK
FACILITIES THEORETICAL MAXIMUM RATE OF 120,000 MT/MONTH.
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